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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Nebraska had seasonal weather with variable cloudiness and occasional light snow. Weekly temperature averages ranged from one to four degrees below normal in the south to six to ten degrees below normal in the north. Below zero readings were reported in the north and west over the week end with one to four inches of snow on the ground.

CROPS Snow cover in some western and northern areas is providing a limited amount of protection to the wheat and other fall-sown crops from cold temperatures and wind. Condition of the wheat crop is about the same as last week with mostly good to excellent reports in eastern and south central areas. However, some central and western areas report fair to poor conditions. Approximately two-thirds of the reports indicate soil moisture supplies adequate.

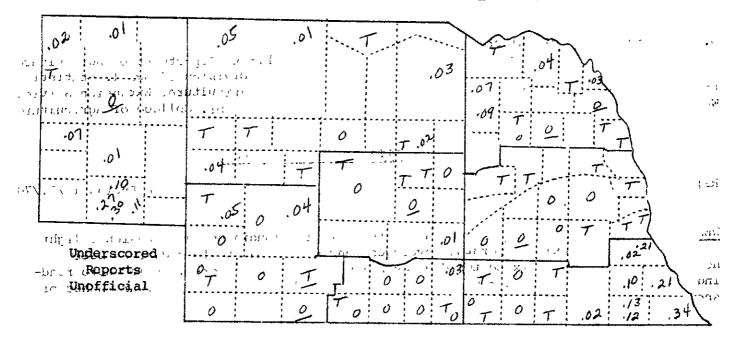
Very little field work was accomplished during the week. Most activities consisted of livestock chores, moving feed supplies, land leveling and erosion control.

Slightly more than half the reports indicate average range and pasture feed supplies. Ranchers are giving some supplemental feed to cattle on winter ranges. About 40 percent of the reports indicate short feed grain supplies and 55 percent short hay and forage feed supplies. Feed supplies are being conserved by stalk field grazing as conditions permit.

LIVESTOCK Livestock conditions are about the same as last week. However, the very low temperatures are causing discomfort and additional chores were required in feeding and watering. Livestock are encountering some problems in walking on rough, frozen ground.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 20, 1970

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